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TAGS: PINT, GR

SUBJECT: PUBLIC PROSECUTOR COMMENTS ON MOTIVES BEHIND  
NEWSPAPER CONFISCATIONS OF APRIL 23

REF: THESSALONIKI 261, ATHENS 2594

1. THESSALONIKI PUBLIC PROSECUTOR CHRISTOPHOROS TSANAKAKIS  
(PROTECT STRICTLY) WHO ORDERED LOCAL CONFISCATION OF  
"THESSALONIKI" AND "VRADYNI" NEWSPAPERS APRIL 23, COMMENTED  
TO CONGEN OFFICER MAY 15 THAT HE ACTED SOLELY ON PERSONAL  
ORDER OF EX-MINISTER OF JUSTICE ANGELOS TSOUKALAS. PROSECUTOR  
STATED THAT TSOUKALAS TELEPHONED HIM DIRECTLY TO ORDER  
CONFISCATION BEFORE HIS (PROSECUTOR'S) OFFICE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO  
EXAMINE PAPERS IN QUESTION. TSANAKAKIS ADDED THAT RESIGNATION  
OF TSOUKALAS ON MAY 11 WAS PROMPTED BY HIS OBVIOUS MIS-  
HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE.

2. LOCAL PROSECUTOR COMMENTED THAT CONFISCATIONS WERE  
SERIOUS MISTAKE AND CONTENTS OF KARAMANLIS ARTICLE WERE IN  
NO WAY SEDITIOUS. HE ALSO GAVE INDICATION THAT HE HIMSELF IS  
SUPPORTER OF KARAMANLIS AND FAVORS HIS RETURN TO POLITICS.  
TSANAKAKIS EXPLAINED SUPPORT FOR CONFISCATIONS BY COURTS IN  
KOZANI AND ELSEWHERE AS ACTION OF LOCAL JUDGES WHO FEARFUL  
OF DIFFICULTIES WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

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